## **CAMPING RULES & REGULATIONS**

PARK HOURS: Gates are closed at sunset and are opened at sunrise the next day. Only an emergency will warrant opening of gates after sunset. City Code 26-22

**GENERAL BEHAVIOR:** Quiet must be observed between 10pm and 7 am.

Gambling is prohibited. City Code 16-2

No person shall deface or remove department signs, structures, or barriers.

No person shall remove or injure any plants, trees, flowers, or rocks found on park property. *City Code 26-32* 

No person shall engage in fighting or violent, tumultuous or threatening behavior; or engage in any other activity which violates any city or state code.

All campers will occupy and place equipment only on the assigned campsite.

Any tent or other equipment left unoccupied for more than 36 hours may be taken down, removed and disposed of. Campers will be responsible to pay for any and all damages that occur during your stay at Sandy Bottom Nature Park All refuse and garbage is to be placed in the trash receptacles provided throughout the park. *City Code 32.1-5* 

No burning of trash is permitted.

**CAMPING STAY REQUIREMENT:** Must have a permanent home address. Campers are allowed to camp in the park 14 days total per year, with a maximum of 7 days total per month. When 14 days have been used, campers will not be allowed to camp again until a new year has started.

**AGE REQUIREMENT:** You must be at least 18 years of age to reserve a campsite. 1 adult per 5 minors MUST accompany campsites reserved for groups less than 18 years old.

**CONTRABAND**: ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL DRUGS, CONFETTI OR BALLOONS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK. Your deposit and/or payment for remaining camping nights can be forfeited if evidence of such contraband is found.

CHECK-IN: You must check-in at the Nature Center before going to the campsite. Check-in time is at 12p.m.

**CHECKOUT:** Checkout at the nature center. Campers must vacate their campsite no later than 12:00pm on the final day of camping. <u>Failure to check out with a member of the staff will result in the loss of applicable security deposits.</u>

**OCCUPANCY:** <u>Individual campsites</u> support 2 four-person tents or 8 people. Tents must be set up on or next to the tent pad provided. <u>Group campsites</u> support 8-10 four-person tents or 40 people.

YURTS AMENITIES: 2 bunk beds that sleep six, grill, deck seats, fire-ring, fire bucket & picnic table.

YURTS DECKS: Diving and fishing from the deck is prohibited; grills are not allowed on the deck.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the park. City Code 24-13.1, City Code 26-35

SWIMMING: No swimming is allowed in the park.

FISHING: Fishing is only permitted from the fishing pier or the Jon boats. City Code 26-35

**PARKING:** Parking passes must be displayed where Park Rangers can visibly see pass through front window. Vehicles are subject to towing at owner's expense without proper display of parking pass.

COOKING EQUIPMENT: NO DEEP FRYERS & NO COOKING WITH OIL. Propane and charcoal grills are allowed.

**VEHICLES:** Only 4 vehicles are allowed per group campsite; individual campsites and yurts are allowed 2 vehicles. Vehicles can not be driven to camping sites. *City Code 26-33* 

LANTERNS: Lanterns/lights operated by fuel are not permitted inside yurts. Battery-operated lighting is permissible.

**SMOKING:** Smoking inside any tents or yurts is prohibited.

**FIRES:** Campsite fires are only allowed 7 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.. All fires must be built in the fireplaces provided for that purpose. Fires CANNOT be left unattended and must be fully extinguished after usage. Firewood cannot be gathered on site except from dead and down trees. There is to be no cutting of standing timber or damage to any property, including natural surroundings. . *City Code 14.11* 

FIREWORKS: Fireworks and pyrotechnic displays prohibited City Code 14.14

**MUSIC:** Amplified music is not permitted. The volume of sound should not interfere with the public's right to quiet enjoyment of the park. Quiet hours are between 10 p.m. - 7 a.m. and music is not permitted during quiet hours.

**SOLICITATION & SALES:** You are not permitted to sell, solicit, peddle, rent any goods/wares, or collect any money within the park unless you obtain prior written permission from the Park Manager.

**PAYMENT:** Camping fees can be paid in person or by mail. Yurts must be paid in full one week prior to your reservation date. A \$60 refundable security deposit is required for yurts in addition to the yurt rental. The security deposit will be mailed back to you. This takes about (4) weeks.

CANCELLATION/REFUND: NO REFUNDS. Yurts must be cancelled 1 week in advance to receive a full refund.

PETS: ALL PETS MUST BE ON A LEASH. YOU MUST CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS. No pets are allowed in the yurts.

**LIST OF CAMPERS:** A list of all campers on site must be provided on the back sheet of your signed contract. The party signing this contract MUST be camping overnight.

**SUBLETTING:** Subletting is not permissible and it invalidates any User Contract.

**TERMINATION:** Sandy Bottom Nature Park reserves the absolute right, at any time prior to or during use of any rental facility(s), to cancel your rental and to terminate this agreement in the event of emergency, casualty, physical damage to the property or building, or other occurrence which is the sole discretion of the Park Manager or the Parks and Recreation Department. If the rental facility(s) unsuitable or unsafe for use by you, or which requires use of the rental facility(s) for emergency purposes.) Such occurrences include, without limitation, any of the following:

- 1. Fire, flood, weather damage, other casualties or acts of God causing physical damage to the Sandy Bottom Nature Park rental facility(s).
- 2. The making of improvements, alterations or repairs required by law or otherwise necessary to put or maintain the building and facilities in a safe and fully functional condition, including unexpected delays in the completion of such repairs, improvements, or alterations.
- 3. Fire, flood, weather damages, other casualties or acts of God creating an emergency situation on the property.

In the event that your rental and this agreement are terminated pursuant to this provision, Sandy Bottom Nature Park shall not be responsible or liable for any direct, indirect, incidental or consequential damages resulting from such termination.

**YURT CLEANING AND DAMAGE DEPOSIT:** When you make your reservation, you will be required to pay a \$60 refundable deposit. For your protection, you should make a pre-event inspection of the premises and notify the park staff of any pre-existing damage that may later affect your refund. Allow at least 4 weeks to receive refundable deposit. The following are required for you to receive your refund:

- 1. Remove and dispose of all refuse including cigarette butts upon checking out.
- 2. Yurts must be swept. Close window covers before check-out.
- 3. Place any unused wood around the outside area of the fire ring and make sure that it is completely extinguished.
- 4. Have everyone in your group off the campsite by checkout time.
- 5. In short, leave the area looking as it did when you arrived.
- 6. Adhere to all the rules and regulations outlined at Sandy Bottom Nature Park.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW ANY OR ALL OF THE RULES LISTED will result in partial or no refund. If there is physical damage to the tent cabins or grounds, or evidence of contraband material are found, your deposit may be forfeited and will at the very least be retained until the cost of repair, cleanup and/or replacement exceeds the deposit. Such additional sum shall be immediately due and payable to the park. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE PARK IMMEDITALY

## USE AGREEMENT

I agree to abide by the rules governing the use of the Sandy Bottom Nature Park camping facilities set forth above and agree to be responsible for any damages done to the tent cabins, or campground by my group as determined by the park staff. Hampton Parks & Recreation Department maintains the right and authority to amend or cancel this permit at anytime should the applicant fail to abide by conditions agreed to or if public safety and welfare so dictate. These documents represent department policy pertaining to day-to-day administration and management of public campgrounds and day-use facilities to ensure the enjoyment and safety of our visitors.

Violation of any campground and or park rules is ground for eviction and possible criminal charges. Anyone who is evicted is not entitled to a refund.